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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Kocun on August 24, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3, line 1:

Please change "The drill assembly of claim 1" to "The drill assembly of claim 2"

Claim 10, line 42:

Please change "beon" to "bone"

Claim 25, lines 29-30:

Please change the phrase "the target orientation of the longitudinal axis" to "a target orientation of a longitudinal axis"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELANA B. FISHER whose telephone number is (571)270-3643. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571)272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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